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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP00/07494 filed on August 2, 2000 which designated the United States.

Inventor(s):

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Title: **INTERVERTEBRAL NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS AND SURGICAL PROCEDURE FOR IMPLANTING THE SAME**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and 9 claims (the claims can be found on pages 14-17) - filed in the German language - 18 pages total
- (2) ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of **formal drawings**, together with transmittal letter
- (3) ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the ☐ filing fee(\$.00) and/or ☐ Assignment Recordal Fee (\$_____) is enclosed.
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, cancel claim(s)
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, see copy of Preliminary Amendment filed.

Basic Fee								\$.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)									
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)									
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EXTRA	Total Claims		20		x	\$18.	=	\$.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims		3		x	\$80.	=	\$.00
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- (4) ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney form -- pages
- a. ☐ Newly executed
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
- c. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) ☐ Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) ☐ Assignment document
- a. ☐ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
- c. ☐ Please include assignee information when this application is published
- Assignee:**
- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (8) ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449 and copies of cited references
- (10) ☒ Return receipt postage prepaid postcard
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- (12) ☒ Patent Application Data Entry Form
- (13) ☐ Other:

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- (14) [X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP00/07494 filed on August 2, 2000."

- (15) [X] This application claims the benefit of French Patent Application No. 99/10167 filed August 3, 1999.

- (16) [X] Correspondence address:

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- (17) [X] Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of January 30, 2002, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 046687170 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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- ☒ [x] Return receipt postage prepaid postcard;
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